

REMARKS

The Interview Summary mailed February 3, 2005, indicated that "gathers" could not be found in the drawings. Additionally, the Interview Summary indicated that there did not appear to be any reference numerals pointing out "gathers."

Applicants respectfully submit that "gathers" are shown in the drawings. For instance, Fig. 9 of Applicants' drawings show a balloon 218 with a series of gathers that are present in an un-inflated state of the balloon 218. The reference numeral 218 is described as depicting the balloon, but it is also the case that the reference numeral 218 points to one of the plurality of gathers that are formed in the balloon 218 in the un-inflated state. Fig. 10 shows the balloon 218 of Fig. 9 in an inflated state such that the gathers are smoothed out and removed once inflation occurs.

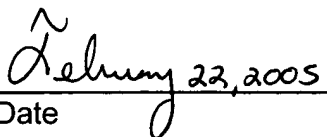
The Interview Summary mailed February 3, 2005 also indicated that Applicants' glue cuff 256 is not described or depicted differently than the marginal portions 30 in Wallace (U.S. Patent No. 2,667,875). Applicants respectfully submit that the structure shown in Figs. 9 and 10 is different than the structure of Wallace for the reasons at least set forth in Applicants' Amendment mailed January 4, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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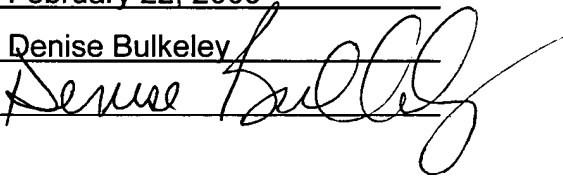
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